# Music in the Park - The Ty Curtis Band



The Ty Curtis Band recently earned 2nd place in the prestigious 2009 International Blues Challenge. The Challenge started with more than 2,000 bands in nine countries and 36 states. One hundred bands earned the right to come to Memphis, ten made it to the Finals and The Ty Curtis Band was voted 2nd place by a panel judges made up of industry professionals. No small feat for a young band from Salem, Oregon. This accomplishment comes on the heels of the band's recognition in the Pacific Northwest. In the Fall of 2008, the band was nominated by the members of the Portland, Oregon based Cascade Blues Association for Best Regional Act and Best New Act, getting the nod for Best New Act for 2008. The Cascade Blues Association also selected the band's first cd, Stubborn Mind, as the Best Self Produced cd for 2008. None of this is surprising to the NW blues fans that have been filling clubs, festivals and dance floors wherever the band performs. Playing a mix of blues, blues-rock, funk and swing the band keeps audiences attention with a multi-talented line-up. The band's performances feature passionate vocals and driving guitar from Ty Curtis, masterful harmonica and powerful vocals of Hank Shreve and three part harmonies with the added voice of bass player Milo Fultz. Milo's tasteful bass lines coupled with Davis "Super D" Brown on drums lock in the rhythm that ties everything together. The band's music is receiving radio play from XM Radio to the Pacific Northwest to Germany to Argentina. And they have been privileged to open for Chris Cain, Coco Montoya, The Doobie Brothers, Roy Rogers, Paul DeLay, Curtis Salgado, Walter Trout, Big Monti and Lloyd Jones. The band has performed at Portland's Water Front Blues Festival, Joseph Bronze & Blues, Rogue Valley Blues Festival, Central Oregon Blues Festival, The Red, White & Blues Festival, The Oregon State Fair and many smaller festivals and club shows. Joe Whitmer, the coordinator of the International Blues Challenge, said, "I think they are a pretty tight and polished band. They are young, they do have a traditional feel about them, so I think they advanced because they play some damn good blues." As Paul DeLay said, "Ty plays it like a young man should, straight ahead and from heart."

## **Event**

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### Date/Time

Thu, Jul 30th 6:30pm - 8:30pm

#### Location

Tanner Creek Park

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